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To: Steven Goff, Commissioner, Washington State Supreme Court

RE: Mellish v. Frog Mountain Pet Care et al. Cause no. 84246-9

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Dear Mr Goff,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding Mr Hartinger's *amicus curiae* memorandum.

I am in full agreement with all his arguments regarding the fallacies and inadequacies of the Division II Opinion in this case, and adopt them as my own.

I also agree with Mr Hartinger that it would be appropriate, for the reasons he cites, for the Court to address the question of whether HB2740/Chapter 59 applies retrospectively to the case in question, and to other cases that bring up the same point of law where a Motion for Reconsideration in a LUPA case is filed before HB2740 takes effect in June 2010. One such case, cited by him, is *Lauer v. Garrison and Pierce County*, 38321-7-II (Appeal to Division II, Court of Appeals, from Pierce County Superior Court).

Jefferson County, Frog Mountain, and Mr Hartinger have been sent copies of this letter by email.

Yours truly,

Martin Mellish.